

bond for the faithful performance of such contract, with sufficient sureties in favor of the Gaston County Drainage Commission, Number One, in an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the estimated cost of the work awarded to him. If any contractor to whom a portion or all of said work shall have been let shall fail to perform the same according to the terms specified in his contract, action may be had in behalf of the Gaston County Drainage Commission, Number One, of Gaston County, against such contractor and his bond in the superior court for damages sustained, and recovery made against such contractor and his sureties. Action on bond.

SEC. 14. That said Gaston County Drainage Commission, Number One, shall have full power and authority to remove any public highway bridge or railroad bridge, across any of the streams within the radius permitted in this act and fixed as a drainage district, and place same upon the bank of said stream and proceed with its work; and on account of the public nature of said work, and the general benefit to the health of the community the costs of replacing said bridges shall be borne and paid by the county of Gaston, and the county commissioners of said county will have said bridges replaced and paid out of the general county funds. Removal and replacement of bridges.

SEC. 15. Whenever said improvement is completed it shall be under the control and supervision of said Gaston County Drainage Commission, Number One, and it shall be the duty of said commission to keep said watercourse in good repair and open, and for this purpose may levy an assessment on the lands benefited by the construction of such improvement in the same manner and in the same proportion as the original assessments were made, and the fund that is collected shall be used for repairing and maintaining said watercourse in perfect order: *Provided, however,* that if any repairs are made necessary by the acts or negligence of the owner of any land through which such improvement is constructed, or by the act of negligence of his agent or employees, or if the same is caused by the cattle or other stock of said owner, employee or agent, then the cost thereof shall be assessed and levied against the lands of said owner alone, to be collected by proper suit instituted by the commissioners. Supervision and maintenance of completed work.
Assessment for repairs.
Proviso: land-owner's responsibility for negligence.

SEC. 16. It shall be unlawful for any person to injure or damage or obstruct or build any bridge, roadway, fence or flood gate in such way as to injure or obstruct the improvements and water flow of said stream, under the provisions of this act, and any person so causing such injury shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined in any sum not exceeding twice the damages or injury done or caused. Injury, damage to or obstruction of works a misdemeanor.
Punishment.

SEC. 17. That said commission or any of its agents, officers, employees or contractors shall have the right to enter upon the lands adjoining said work at any time for the purposes of said improvement, without hindrance or objection or subjecting themselves or their agents, employees or contractors to indictment for trespass. Entry on lands.